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Applicants: Morihiro IWATA et al.
Serial No.: 09/369,327
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For: PARALLEL DATABASE SYSTEM RETRIEVAL METHOD
OF A RELATIONAL DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
USING INITIAL DATA RETRIEVAL QUERY AND
SUBSEQUENT SUB-DATA UTILIZATION QUERY
PROCESSING FOR MINIMIZING QUERY TIME (as
amended)
Art Unit: 2777
Examiner: S. Channavajjala

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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November 24, 2000

Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed November 20, 2000, in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2000 (Paper No. 4), attached is a sworn-to English language translation of the priority document for the above-identified application, i.e., Japanese Patent Application No. 226406, filed August 28, 1996.

A certified copy of the priority document was submitted August 27, 1997, in parent Application Serial No. 08/918,106, and applicants' claim for foreign priority in the present application was acknowledged in the Office Action mailed June 19, 2000.

Accordingly, withdrawal is requested of the rejection of claims 36, 43, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,765,147 to Mattos et al. (**earliest filing date of November 21, 1996**), as well as the rejection of claims 47 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mattos et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,918,229 to Davis et al. (**earliest filing date of November 22, 1996**). Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' attorney at (703) 312-6600.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing Attorney Docket No. 501.35319CX1), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

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DECLARATION

I, Yoshio Miyata, 15-2, Higashi-tateishi 4-chome, Katsushika-ku, Tokyo, Japan do solemnly and sincerely declare that I well understand the Japanese language and English language and the attached English version is full, true and faithful translation of the certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 226406 of 1996, filed on August 28, 1996.

And I made this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

This 7th day of September, 2000


Yoshio Miyata